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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

THE BELLS ARE RINGING: Soon a new set of carillon bells made in Holland will be heard again on the UP Diliman campus once they're installed in the restored Carillon Tower, a project of the UP Alumni Association.

From The Pen to nat'l pen

DOJ chief: PNP can't force ABS to give raw video

By Dona Pazzibugan, Tarra V. Quismundo and Alcuin Papa

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE yesterday said it had the option of going to the courts to compel ABS-CBN to surrender the raw video footage of the Peninsula Manila hotel standoff. But the media giant has found an unlikely ally in Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.



GRANDEUR AT THE PALACE: Before a gala dinner at the Palacio Real de Madrid in Spain on Monday, President Arroyo and her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, pose with the royals of Spain, from left, Crown Prince Felipe, Queen Sofia, King Carlos I and Princess Letizia.

Gov't cites security for transfer of Trillanes et al.

By Alcuin Papa

STATE PROSECUTORS ARE doing the paperwork for the transfer to the New Bilibid Prisons (NBP), the national penitentiary in Muntinlupa City, of Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim and 34 other soldiers and civilians charged with rebellion in connection with the Nov. 29 failed revolt at the Peninsula Manila.

'Climate refugees' seek help in Bali

Spain's king hail GMA, RP democracy

By Michael Lim Ubac

Senate to investigate 'illegal' 5-hr curfew

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

'Junket not fun' but 3 solons seek probe

By Christian V. Esguerra and Norman Bordadora

After 1,700 km, farmers start Metro 'tour'



By Jerome Aning

SUMILAO FARMERS WHO HIKED on a long march on Oct. 10 from the land they are claiming in Sumilao, Bukidnon, began their "tour" of Metro Manila yesterday to seek help from the government as well as cause-oriented groups.



Pampanga folk cook biggest 'bringhe' ever

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

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Marcos case goes to US high court

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES SUPREME Court on Monday stepped into a dispute over who owns money misappropriated by the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, a case in which the US supports the government of the Philippines.



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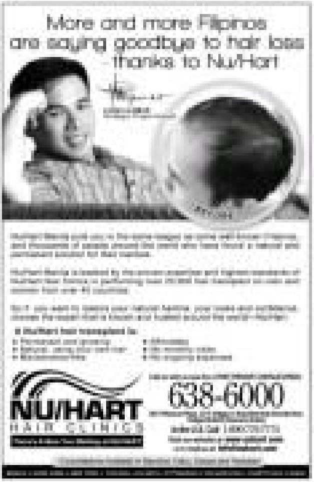
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Erap judge on SC seat: It's no reward; I earned it

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Mindanao to get 30% of budget

New diplomates in opthalmology





Magdalo trial to get new venue

THE NEXT HEARING in the coup d'etat trial of the military officers who staged the Oakwood mutiny of 2003 may be moved to another venue following last week's incident where one of the accused, Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, ... [illegible]

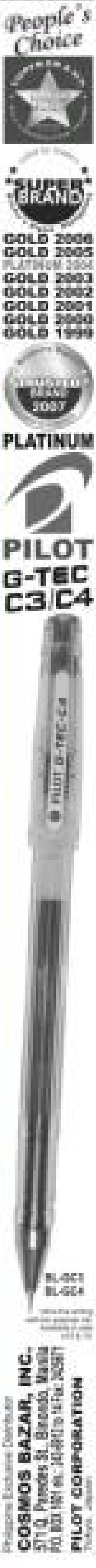
Villarosa, Puno to be summoned

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE on ethics will summon Deputy Speaker Amelita Villarosa and Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno to shed light on the distribution of cash to congressmen in Malacañang ... [illegible]





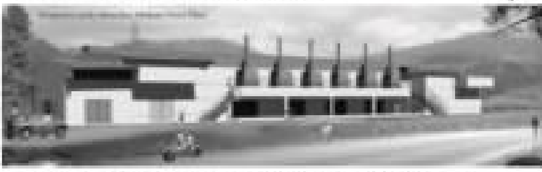




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Own money

It's cold out there

Not part of the trip

They financed the trip

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After 1,700 km, farmers start Metro 'tour'

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Pampanga folk cook biggest . . .



TOO MANY COOKS do not spoil the broth. In fact, it took 21 ...

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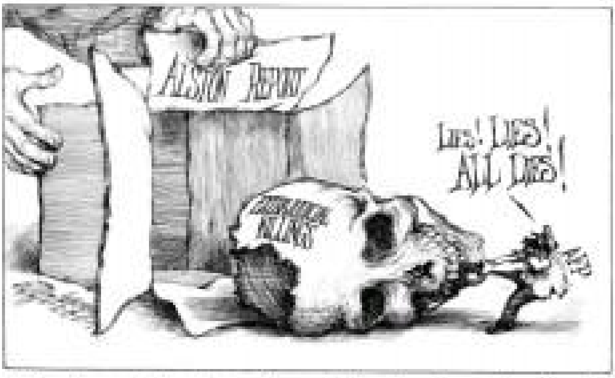
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Cash gifts in the Palace and the cash-strapped girl in suicide



Employer pleads for old SSS member

RP is not overpopulated

Public interest first before private profit

Across the NATION

Peace talks with MILF to resume soon

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTRY'S largest Moro separatist group are preparing to sign off on a peace deal after years of tortuous negotiations, but that may be the easy part.

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CRAB HUNT

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ROUNDUP

Village watchman killed

[illegible]

Suspected NPA rebel held

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Village chief, 2 others shot dead

[illegible]

Road equipment torched

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Ex-reb shot dead in church

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Woman, son, nephew found dead

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Tagaytay retreat for women

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7-yr-old girl rescues 2 sisters from fire

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Kidnappers keep couple in Liguasan Marsh

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Benguet cold spell revives call for frost monitoring gadget

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High altitude

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No cause for alarm

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Soldiers, policemen capture top guerrilla leaders in N. Ecija



ALMOST LIKE SISTINE

DA starts battle vs rice black bugs in Aurora

DOJ chief sacks prosecutor in Iloilo City close to Drilon

Fighting back

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INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Pangasinan still seeking 'special' day

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Lingayen, Pangasinan

PANGASINENSES NOW WANT TO KNOW. Concern is growing that despite the observance of a yearly provincial holiday and the celebration of the Pistay Dayat (Sea Festival), they have yet to celebrate a "real" Pangasinan Day.

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Anniversary bonus

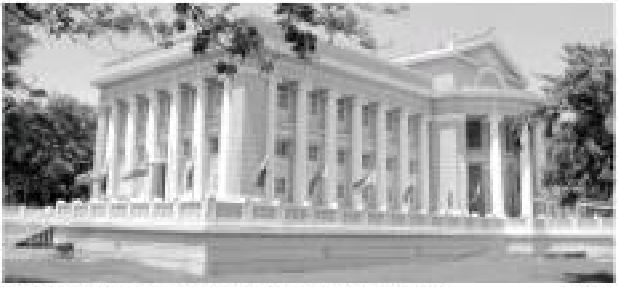
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Alcaldia mayor

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THE PROVINCIAL capitol of Pangasinan is a sturdy structure on the shores of the historic Lingayen Gulf.

The blossoming of Baboo

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

BEFORE SHE TOOK up the brush in July, writer Baboo Mondoñedo had been seeing an acupuncturist for treatment of her hypertension.

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WRITER-PAINTER Baboo Mondoñedo speaks at the opening of her exhibit.

DAYTOY TI AMIANAN

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First solo show

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Soldiers, cops' after-action report: Next time it's over in 1, 2 hours

Back to normal soonest

US assured GMA of support as she faced uprising, US ambassador says

Disturbing

Senate to investigate 'illegal' 5-hr curfew

'Illegal check-in'



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No objection

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By Alcuin Papa

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Other networks subpoenaed

Obstruction of justice

Support for journalists

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490 years of friendship

A second home

Luna opus

Agreements signed

THE ALBAY DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Aksyon ng Pinoy para sa Kalikasan

As stewards and stakeholders of the Philippine ecosystem and as children of Mother Earth, we declare the following premises as basis for common ground and collective action:

- Climate change is one of the most pervasive and pernicious threats facing Mother Earth;
- The 2007 Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes that the "warming of the earth's climate system is unequivocal" which has been attributed to the rise in human-induced greenhouse gas emissions in the last 150 years, primarily from highly industrialized and industrializing countries;
- The changing climate has adverse impacts on natural, economic, and social systems which affect our national aspiration to eradicate poverty and attain sustainable development for the present and future generations;
- The Philippines being an archipelagic country is highly vulnerable to climate risks and weather disturbances such as tropical cyclones and prolonged droughts resulting to social and ecological devastation, and economic loss;
- Policy makers and scientists here and abroad emphasize the need to institutionalize climate change adaptation measures to address climate risks expeditiously;
- The government has adopted the Philippine Agenda 21 and the Millennium Development Goal for environmental sustainability; has created the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the Inter-Agency Committee on Climate Change (IACCC), the Advisory Council on Climate Change (ACCC), and the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (PTFCC), and the President has made a Green Philippines as one of the "8 in 8" priorities;
- Action on climate change is a civic duty of all citizens. It offers our society vast opportunity for social inclusion and political harmony. Thus, we must recognize the intrinsic primacy of local communities in the implementation of adaptation programs to sustain efficacy and enhance their efficiencies;

Therefore, we, the participants, hereby commit ourselves to the following plan of action:

- To work for the passage of a policy prioritizing climate change adaptation in the national agenda, thereby directing all behavior of its instruments and agents through programs, projects, budgets, grants of license and franchise, to be consistent and compatible with such policy;
- To promote "climate-proofing" development through genuine multi-sectoral participation, particularly in: 1) the on-going formulation of a national strategic framework on climate change adaptation, 2) the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of national and local development plans, programs, local policies, and budgets, and 3) implementation of international treaties and trade agreements;
- To advocate the creation of oversight bodies on climate change adaptation in the Senate and the House of Representatives as regular standing committees;
- To promote the mainstreaming through the DILG, the leagues of local government units, and in possible partnership with regional councils for sustainable development, in the adoption of local policy and programs for climate change adaptation by the local government units;
- To call for the integration in the basic education curriculum by the Department of Education (DepEd), in tertiary courses by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and in vocational and technical courses by the TESDA;
- To promote research and extension work on climate change adaptation through government agencies, research institutions and the academe;
- To support the development and wider use of the country's abundant renewable energy sources to promote resiliency and growth in our communities;
- To strongly urge the provision of increased allocations for climate change adaptation in the budgets of relevant government agencies, GOCCs and GFIs
- To urge the creation of a climate change adaptation fund which may be sourced from existing taxes, proceeds from the privatization of government properties, official development assistance, grants and donations, and future government share in the sale of Certificates of Emission Reduction (CER and other sources;
- To encourage government to engage its bilateral and multilateral partners in additional demand ODA towards programs on climate change adaptation particularly in land and water use, land use change and forestry, in reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD), coastal zones and fisheries, industry, facilities, farming practices, and promotion and development of renewable and indigenous clean energy;
- To encourage greater participation of the media in disseminating information on climate change adaptation, within the overall framework of sustainable development, to local communities, at the grassroots level such that all modes of information, education and communication to increase awareness and appreciation of climate change are utilized;
- To promote social dialogue between workers and employers to realize potential for green and decent jobs through positive support for workers and employers in the transition towards environmentally sustainable patterns of production and consumption;
- To urge the national government to vigorously collaborate with all countries in the Conference of Parties and other international negotiations to push for more aggressive and more immediate emission reduction targets for developed countries, more expeditious implementation of adaptation funds and possibly the creation of a new global fund initiative under the UN system to pump prime the process in a manner that will ensure direct benefits to the local communities;
- We call on the President, the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives to adopt this Declaration through a concurrent resolution as a basis for priority and prospective legislation to protect and enhance the environment.

Unanimously adopted by the **First National Conference on Climate Change Adaptation** in Albay, Philippines this 23rd day of October, 2007

(SGD) THE PARTICIPANTS

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Convenor

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RP five checks in; tablenet bets swept

By Musong R. Castillo

Thousands of volunteers join SEAG blastoff rites

By Musong R. Castillo

A plus Metro



OBLATION FIREWORKS

Road diggings suspended during holiday season

By DJ Yap

State of calamity looms in Muntinlupa

Mayor seeks council declaration after floodwaters submerge 8 barangays

By Julie M. Aurelio

MUNTINLUPA MAYOR ALDRIN SAN PEDRO HAS asked the City Council to place under a state of calamity eight of the city's nine barangays that remain partially submerged in floodwaters due to rains spawned by the recent typhoons.

Camanava flood control project finished by next year

Victim of suspected vigilantes found dead in Quezon City

MetroBriefs

4 hurt in road accident

Suicide or foul play?

Breakfast in school

Lit cigarette causes fire

Robbers' target was building next to police HQ

Did you know

WORLD BRIEFS

Cold feet on air

SYDNEY—A faint-hearted drug smuggler left more than half a million dollars worth of cocaine in an aircraft toilet after getting cold feet on a flight from Los Angeles to Sydney, customs officials said on Tuesday. Nearly six kilos of cocaine was found in 12 plastic-wrapped blocks dumped in a garbage bin in one of the rear toilets of a Boeing 747 after its arrival at Sydney airport on Sunday. "It's pretty obvious that whoever planned to import these drugs got cold feet at some stage," customs spokeswoman Sayle Brown said in a statement. **AFP**

Let them be displayed

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia will continue to allow Christian missionary schools to display crosses, a minister said according to a report on Tuesday, after calls to have them removed triggered a furor. Deputy Education Minister Noh Omar told parliament there was no reason to take down the religious symbols in Muslim-majority Malaysia—where ethnic Indian and Chinese communities practice Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism. "We will continue with the current practice, which is a tradition started a long time ago," he said according to The Star newspaper. **AFP**

Jail over illegal sale

SAN FRANCISCO—A California man was sentenced on Monday to two years in prison for helping arrange the illegal sale of a night vision camera to China, US prosecutors said. Philip Cheng, 66, also was ordered to pay a $50,000 fine after having pleaded guilty to assisting in the export of the camera, which is considered sensitive military technology regulated by the Pentagon. **AFP**

KL scratches contests

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia has banned scratch-and-win contests after thousands of people complained they were duped and did not receive the promised prizes, an official said on Tuesday. In scratch-and-win contests, customers are given paper cards with an area coated with colored plastic that can be scratched with a coin to reveal whether a prize has been won. Authorities said direct sales staff often duped consumers at supermarkets or at their doorsteps. **AP**



CAR BOMB ATTACK An Afghan Crime Scene Investigator collects evidence at the site of a suicide car bomb in Kabul on Tuesday. A suicide bomber rammed the car into a convoy of Nato forces close to the airport, wounding several Afghan civilians. REUTERS

Russian dailies doubt Putin win

MOSCOW—RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS questioned on Tuesday whether weekend elections were really the resounding success the Kremlin had hoped for and pointed out that President Vladimir Putin's government could face some turbulent days ahead.

The broadsheet newspapers Kommersant and Nezavisimaya both reported that the Kremlin was disappointed with the 64.1 percent received by Putin's United Russia party after Sunday's parliamentary polls, as evidenced, Kommersant said, by Putin's failure to join election night celebrations.

The problem, said the newspapers, was that the result—though high by Western standards—was lower than the support for Putin registered at the country's last presidential election in 2004.

That was disappointing, the papers said, because the elections had been specifically billed by the Kremlin as a referendum on the Russian leader.

"The absence of the leading candidate at party headquarters on election night, especially during victory celebrations, is something unprecedented. It can be taken as a sign of dissatisfaction on the part of the president," Kommersant said.

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The WORLD

China warms up to Vatican, installs two new bishops



'DROWNING' SCENARIO

US report contradicts Bush on Iran nuke bid

WASHINGTON—A NEW US INTELLIGENCE report says Iran halted its nuclear weapons program in 2003 and it remains on hold, contradicting the Bush administration's earlier assertion that Tehran was intent on developing a bomb.

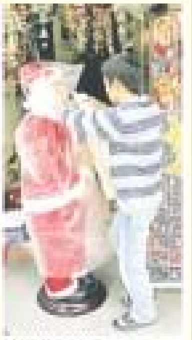
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Payback for triplets

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Oops, wrong Miss California

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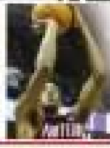
Sharif banned from election; opposition warns of boycott

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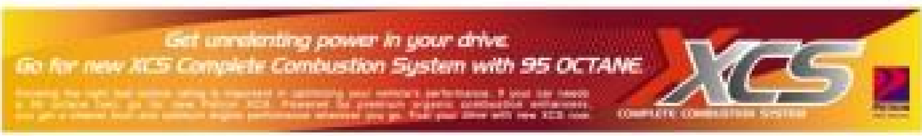
Tigresses triumph

Shakey's V-League champ best Lady Stags in 5

Sebastian College's defense.

The Tigresses capped their domination of the Lady Stags with a 20-25, 25-23, 27-29, 25-15, 15-9 decision last night to nail the 2007 Shakey's V-League women's volleyball second conference crown at The Arena in San Juan.





Big venue, bigger Opening Ceremonies for SEAG

Laos standoff hampers lady booters' bid





Tigresses top Lady Stags, bag Shakey's V-League title

Ilyushin overwhelms Pinoy wild card; Ho, Barte advance

RP scores ahead in infighting



196 coaching changes later, it's still Sloan for the Jazz



Outlaw shoots down Grizzlies

Baguio, Davao enter inter-cities chessfest

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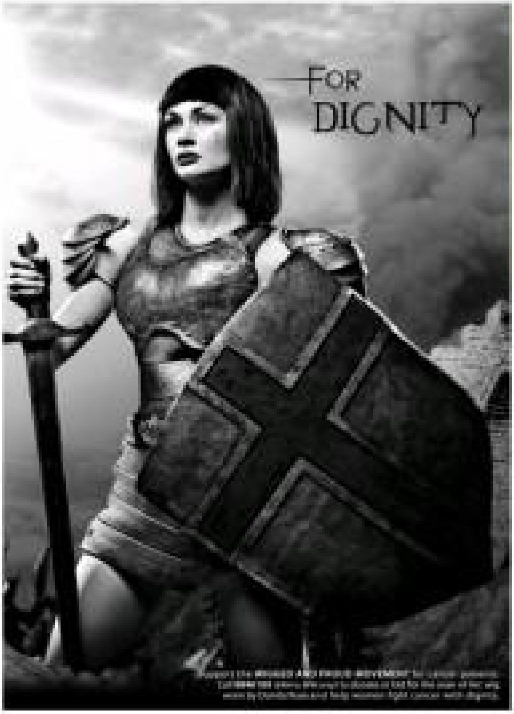
Crippled Bulls battle new-look Coke Tigers



Sadorra wins twice, ties Ni

3 RP golf team bets playing on borrowed time





Wide-open Presidential Gold Cup race at San Lazaro Sunday

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With BSP set to further ease restrictions, banks may soon freely invest abroad

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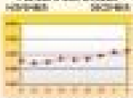
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Shares close 0.5% higher

Gov't urged to reduce business taxes, simplify payment process

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Benpres buys back $43-M debt

More overseas ...

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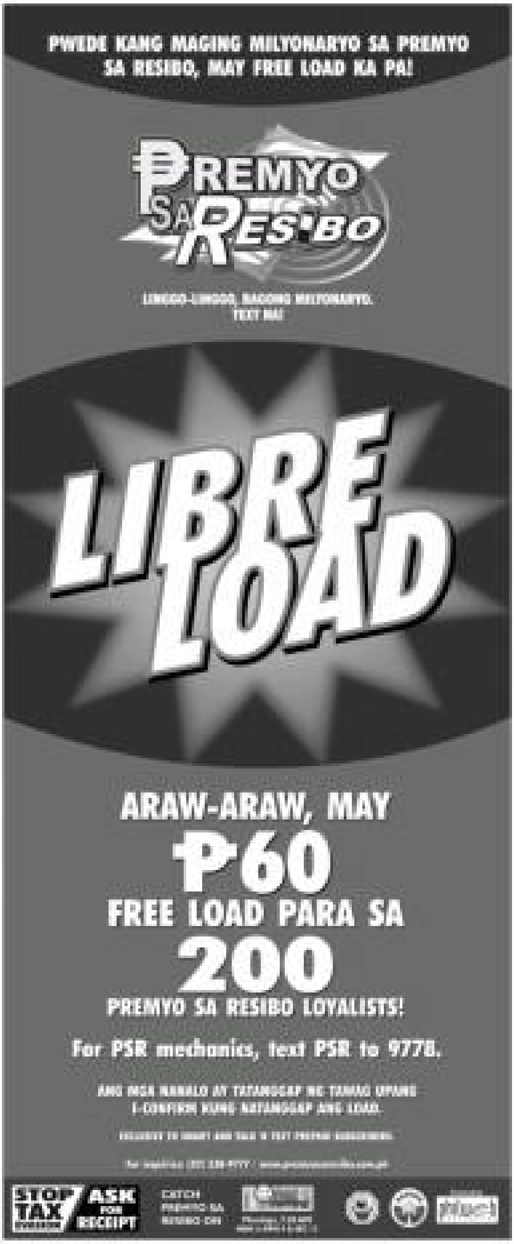
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Chinese car company puts up hub in Subic

Petrolift postpones IPO plan to Q1 2008











People, Events & Products

'Disney on Ice' returns with an amazing journey



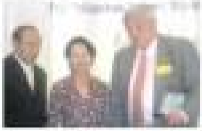
Plantersbank opens new branches



PNB PARTNERS WITH SUNWESTVILLE

Target grants $25,000 to Hands On Manila







REAL ESTATE GIANTS, LUMINARIES RECOGNIZED IN BREW AWARDS



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MOTORING

Sleep deprivation impairs driver judgment, experts say

By [illegible]

SLEEP DEPRIVATION CAN have a number of adverse effects. It can take its toll on productivity, mood, concentration and judgment.

And when a sleep-deprived driver is behind the wheels of a moving vehicle weighing tons, a disaster is just waiting to happen.

Dr. Edgardo Juan L. Tolentino, president of Group for Addiction Psychiatry of the Philippines, said [illegible] that society should take a closer look at sleep-deprived drivers.

"We may need to zero in on truck drivers as a unique group. Because of our traffic regulations, they usually ply the roads at night. This makes them highly likely to be sleep-deprived," Tolentino said.

He added that psychostimulants could be taken by these drivers to keep them awake and alert. These could be substances "as simple as coffee or cigarettes, but they could also involve possibly illegal medications."

Unhealthy

Tolentino surmised that a typical driver's lifestyle, including diet, would be unhealthy. This could lead to such sleep disorders as apnea. With sleep apnea, "oxygen doesn't reach the brain in sufficient quantities."

Imbibing alcoholic beverages to stave off sleepiness is also a mistake. "A lot of them think alcohol is a psychostimulant when, in fact, it's a depressant," he said.

Tolentino stressed that a person who doesn't sleep well doesn't think well, and will not be in the proper state of mind or mood. He will also not react properly because his cognition would most likely be impaired. Such at a time when the stress level rises—during confrontation, or frustrations—the threshold (for restraint) lowers.

"Monitor and critical institutions such as hospitals have endorsed proper rest periods for their professional staff. Makati Medical Center, for instance, no longer allows emergency doctors on 24-hour shifts, because sleep deprivation could affect their judgment and mood.

Tests

Tolentino stressed that LTO drug tests (for license renewals or applications) have become insufficient. The test which would really be of use, he said, would be an alcohol and drug test on drivers immediately after the traffic violation or accident. He said alcohol, rather than drugs, was a more common cause of accidents.



[illegible], Automobile Association Philippines director, remarked: "They don't even make offenders do the (simple drunk driving test) of making them walk in a straight line, touch the tip of their noses. There should be a standard test to determine whether a person is driving under the influence."

"If I take shabu (methamphetamine), within two days, the substance is flushed out of my system and will not be detected by a drug test. We know that the renewal of licenses happens on one's birthday so offenders can predict when they would have to stop taking the drug temporarily," Tolentino said.

He added, "The LTO data indicate that between 1 and 5 percent test positive for drugs. The yield is too low to justify continuing such a practice."

Dr. [illegible], president of Philippine Psychiatry Association, said psychological tests should also be added in drivers' license applications and renewals.

Chevy's compact crossover

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



2 choices

New series







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The Best Cars of 2007

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Concept Car of the Year

Subaru's Impreza takes on a new game face

By Charles E. Buban



THE 2008 IMPREZA now sports a broader grille that sweeps into the headlights.

YOU BUY A SUBARU Impreza WRX not because you just want a sedan that you could use to hit the road in your own ride and on your own time.

You choose this particular brand of car because you want to experience how its symmetrical all-wheel drive, stiff suspension set-up and four-cylinder turbo boxer engine work in tandem to give you that race-honed feel and ready-for-the-rally driving attitude.

Despite this fact, some interested car buyers still find the Impreza too old-fashioned in terms of design and comfort features.

Last week, Motor Image Pilipinas Inc., the official distributor of the Subaru models in the Philippines, unveiled the new, third-generation Subaru Impreza WRX.

Big how the Subaru Impreza has evolved?

Redrawn, redeveloped

The only thing that is carried over from the previous generation is the name as the Impreza's body structure, interior and exterior designs as well as its drivetrain are completely redrawn if not redeveloped.

The 2008 Impreza is now a five-door hatchback, sports a broader grille that sweeps into the headlights (dropped the separate center grille element of the previous generation), a wheelbase that is 9.8 centimeters longer than its predecessor, and a new compact, double-wishbone rear suspension.

Even the 2.5 engine in the WRX, for example, now sports a new intake port design and is mounted much lower to improve the vehicle's center of gravity as well as handling and stability.

Evolution

"Indeed, the new Impreza is clearly an evolution of the outgoing model," said Ariel de Jesus, Mipi marketing manager.

The Impreza is available in three variants: 227 horsepower, 2.5-liter WRX (five-speed manual); 148-hp, 2-liter R-Sport (four-speed automatic); and 148 hp, 2-liter R-Sport (five-speed manual).

According to De Jesus, the 2008 Subaru was developed around the concept of refined design, resulting in a more compact and streamlined look on the whole. Despite this fact, the 2008 Subaru's passenger [illegible] is never compromised. In fact, there is now an additional two inches of shoulder room in the front seats as well as wider luggage compartment.



THE 2008 IMPREZA

High grade

"Inside, high-grade materials and double-stitched fabrics are used. The windows now have door frames for improved body rigidity and quieter interior while the door panels now have molded storage areas to place drinks," De Jesus added.

Even the new Subaru's center console is updated—now sporting a auxiliary jack to connect to an iPod music player.

With these changes, the new Subaru is indeed headed in the right direction.

"With the new design and added technology, the new Impreza improves on the power and performance characteristics for which the lineup is known. We also priced our three variants competitively so Filipino car buyers will now have to think long and hard before buying their first or next car," De Jesus said.

The WRX 2.5 is priced at P1.738 million while the 2.0R-Sports automatic is P1.1[illegible] million and 2.0R-Sports manual at P1.0[illegible] million.



LIFESTYLE



2bU! gift guide

DECEMBER HAS HIT US ONCE AGAIN —and people are already going mad ticking names off their long Christmas list. We totally understand. Shopping for loved ones can feel like a big chore during this traffic-plagued season. We have tons of gift suggestions and, no, we're not talking about mugs and scented candles.

Think of this issue as our gift to you—our way of making your Christmas duties a little easier.

We asked some of your favorite teen magazines to spill their gift ideas, too.

And we're throwing in gift-wrapping suggestions and party plans as well.

Ready, set, Christmas shop.

Meg's Yuletide picks

1) Pecweo Reyes, editor in chief, Meg: "Add some shimmer and sparkle to your outfit with a shiny neckpiece, and you'll surely stand out this holiday! Silver gemstone necklace from People are People (P300).

2) Mons A. Morbo, associate editor, Meg: "This roomy satchel makes a practical yet stylish gift for ladies (like me!) with the habit of carrying their lives wherever they go!" Sand-colored satchel by La Donna (P1295).

3) Kim Reyes, beauty associate, Meg: "Girls love beauty and pampering stuff! Trying out the endless variety of prettily packaged products at the stores make shopping for them great fun, too." Black Label Eye Shadow in Bloom Pink and Sky Blue (P355 each), and Peach and Pineapple Yogurt Pack (P355 each) at The Face Shop.

4) Pipay Reyes, fashion assistant, Meg: "What woman wouldn't love a new pair of shoes? Wedges are easy but are more comfortable than stilettos. Plus, there are many unique designs and colors to choose from!" Purple wedges by Matthews from CMG (P1000).

5) Michelle Andrada, editorial assistant, Meg: "Make an early resolution to live life to the full. Say it loud and proud with a cool statement tee and set yourself for a great 2008! Tee by Nike (P995).

A diario nobela by CARLO J. CAPARAS

To have and to hold

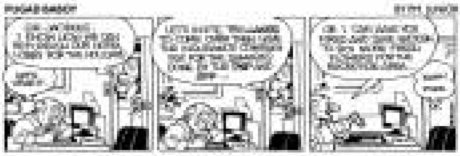
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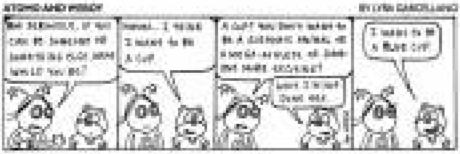
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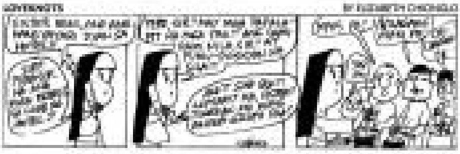
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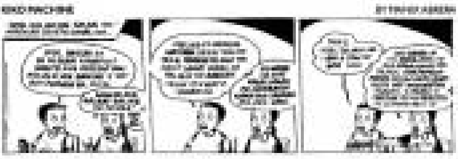
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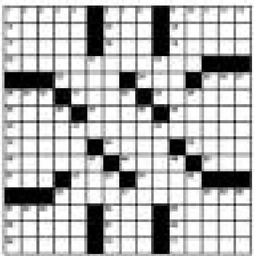
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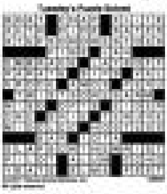


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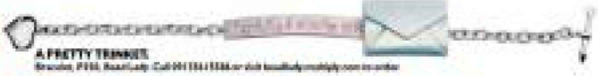
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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



A PRETTY TRINKET.

Pretty and bright

Cosmetics, trinkets, and clothes make great presents for high school teenage girls







A LUXE COMPACT.



A FESTIVE, HOLIDAY SCENT.

A PARTY-READY DRESS.



A BRIGHT AND HAPPY PAIR OF FLATS.

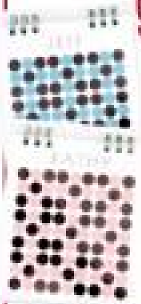


For your super stylish friend



Stocking stuffers

Fab and affordable gifts



For the friend who has everything "give her a gift that's made specially for her"

PERSONALIZED notebook



For the picky friend



Something for girls and guys

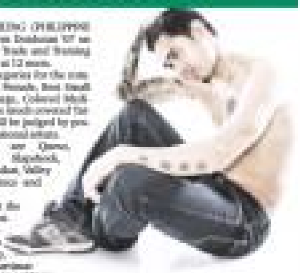


Sweet presents

Sugar Sugar mag staff offer bright Christmas gift ideas

Tattoo art competition





Treats for your Christmas cravings





Flavor-packed

Adorable decals



Luxe treats



Party perfect



Giveaways



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X-Men for Christmas



Comic book fans want more than the usual diabolic doomsday devices and secret headquarters







X-Men for Christmas

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sing of the end in "Breaking Up," as the series' final issue, a poem in comics form, "Mon Domino Jean Avec Toi (My Last Day with You)." Chosen, whose manga-inspired drawings would have normally been out of place here, captures youth at its peak. A must-buy for the sensitive comics fan.

"El Cazador"

Chuck Dixon (writer) and Steve Epting (artist)

Back when CrossGen Comics was doing everything but superheroes, "El Cazador" debuted just as "Pirates of the Caribbean" began to set sail on the silver screen. It was a critical darling that died an untimely death when CrossGen walked the plank. Thankfully, Hyperion was able to pick up the reprint rights, finally compiling the series. These aren't Johnny Depp-esque pirates that prance around spouting non-sequiturs; these are violent, backstabbing thieves and murderers! And yes, it does end on a cliffhanger that will probably be never resolved, but if adventures on the high sea are your idea of a fun time, you owe it to yourself to pick this one up.

"Criminal: Coward"

Ed Brubaker (writer) and Sean Phillips (artist)

Leo is a legend among the criminal underworld for his sweet smarts and pickpocketing skills. He's also a man of principles, refusing to do jobs if they don't pass his strict criteria. But when he does let his standards slip, everything goes to hell in a hand basket, and people begin to die. Brubaker and Phillips have collaborated before on "Sleeper," the tale of a metahuman double agent. Here, they throw out the powers and keep the grittiness, producing this comic noir masterpiece.

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 8: The Long Way Home"

Joss Whedon (writer) and Georges Jeanty (artist)

Joss Whedon proves that you can go home, returning to the creation that made him famous: Buffy Summers, the Slayer. Set after the events of the TV series finale, Whedon shows that while Sunnydale is gone, evil still roams the Earth. Continuing the Scooby Gang is still around, with Buffy at the forefront. If you loved the series, prepare to be entertained. Take note though: Casual fans may be a bit lost concerning some of the faces in the supporting cast. If that happens, Olie is did to you, hire the bullies and boot up Wikipedia.










"Annihilation" (3 books)

Various writers and artists

"Planet Hulk" (Hardcover)

Greg Pak (writer) and various artists

While the rest of the Marvel universe was in a Civil War, and the DC universe was in the midst of an Infinite Crisis, these two events provided more sheer thrill and action, despite staying under the radar of most fans. In "Annihilation," the forces of the Negative Zone make a grand push, devastating the Kree and Skrull empires, and forcing a rag-tag collection of Marvel space heroes like Quasar, Nova, Drax the Destroyer and Moondragon to band together to prevent the "Annihilation Wave" from reaching Earth and destroying the universe. "Planet Hulk," on the other hand, showcases the Hulk in what is perhaps his best story as a character. Exiled to a gladiator planet, the Hulk pulls a Maximus Meridius to overthrow a planet-wide dictatorship. Both comic events were so popular that they spawned sequels ("Annihilation: Conquest" and "World War Hulk"), currently ongoing in the individual issues.

"The Boys: The Name of the Game"

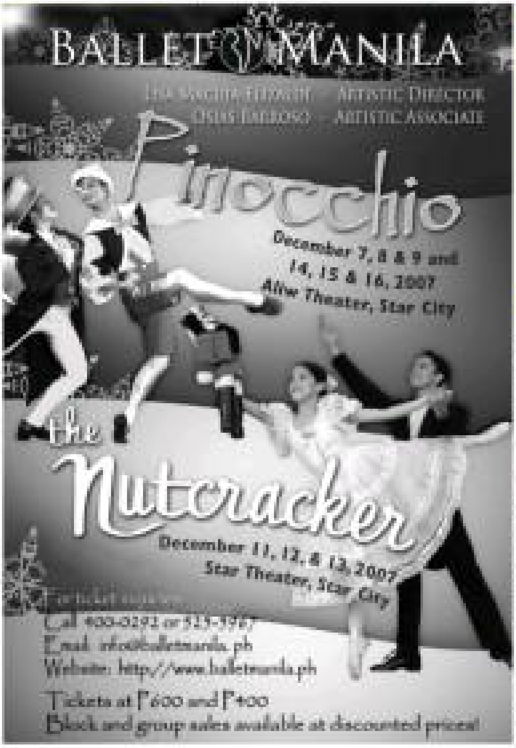
Garth Ennis (writer) and Darick Robertson (artist)

Believe me when I say that this book is for mature audiences only. DC Comics got so squeamish about it that they allowed its creators to take it to Dynamite Entertainment to get published. With that out of the way, this book is sure to appeal to those who are sick and tired of superheroes getting the spotlight. That's where the series' line of thinking of Billy Butcher, the leader of a team of covert operatives whose job is to keep the superhero population in line. Did a superhero cause a bunch of civilian casualties? Maybe murdered a secret gay lover? That's when The Boys spring into action and they don't pull any punches.

"Nextwave: Everything Went White"

Warren Ellis (writer) and Stuart Immonen (artist)

Comics are being adapted into movies more often now, and fans spend quite a bit of time wondering who'll be wearing the tights of characters that have yet to make the leap to the big screen. Nextwave takes this on its head slightly, with Larosca drawing the characters to look like big Hollywood stars such as Angelina Jolie, Bruce Willis and Johnny Depp. But stunning visuals aside, the story, set on an alternate Earth (9/11 never happened, Hillary Clinton is president of the USA), is typical quality—but thought-provoking—Ellis fodder that has a hint of "Heroes." Ever experienced reading a comic that's a lot like watching a movie? Then get "Nextwave."



Caveat emptor

THINKING OF GETTING ONE OF THE following for someone this Christmas? Be careful, he or she might be taking a quick trip to the return section of your local bookstore or comics shop.

"The Gunslinger Born: The Dark Tower"

Stephen King, Peter David and Robin Furth (writers), and Jae Lee (artist)

While it's great to see Stephen King's creation in the funny books, the story is mostly an adaptation of Roland's flashback story from the novel "Wizard and Glass." The real original stuff, a series of prose stories at the end of each individual issue by Robin Furth that served to flesh out the backstory of other characters and events, are not in this collection.

"Heroes Volume One"

Various writers and artists

While the gorgeous Alex Ross cover will surely take any "Heroes" fan's breath away, the contents of this book are nothing special. The 34 short scripts can all be found online and for free (and legally I must add!), which any true "Heroes" addict has probably taken advantage of by saving them all to his or her hard drive.

"The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: The Black Dossier"

Alan Moore (writer) and Kevin O'Neill (artist)

It isn't out of the question to see this on a discerning comic book fan's gift list. After all, it is the long-awaited last book in the LoEG trilogy, and it's written by comics god Alan Moore. The problem? Copyright issues prevent the book from being sold outside of the United States of America. Get an auntie to pack it in a balikbayan box if you're desperate, because you might not ever find it on our shores.

UP Writers' Night, First Book Award on Dec. 8

THE UP INSTITUTE OF Creative Writing is holding the traditional UP Writers' Night on Dec. 8 in UP Diliman.

The event kicks off at 5 p.m. with the awarding ceremony of the Madrigal-Gonzales Best First Book Award at Tearoom (Bulwagang Rizal) of Faculty Center) in the Diliman campus.

The award was established in February 2001 by the Madrigal-Gonzales family represented by Ozzie Gonzales Montinola.

The award encourages writers who have published a first work in English and Filipino to continue in the pursuit of literary excellence.

This year's shortlisted works are:

Dean Francis Alfar's "Salamanca," Barbara Ann Gamboa Lewis' "Rainfall in the Desert" (creative nonfiction);

Maria Isabel Garcia's "Science Solitaire" (essays), Rosa Reta Hidalgo Feleo-Bernal's "Love, Desire, Children, Etc. (creative nonfiction);

Helen Raj's "From Inside the Berlin Wall" (creative nonfiction); and Beatriz Lu Rosa's "Kapwa: The Self in The Other" (creative nonfiction).

The awarding will be followed by the launching of the maiden issue of the UP ICW's new literary journal, "Likhaan 2007: The Journal of Contemporary Philippine Literature," with Jose Y. Dalisay as issue editor and J. Neil Garcia and Lilia Quindoza Santiago as associate editors.

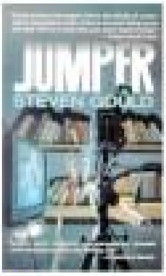
UP Diliman chancellor Sergio S. Cao, will be the guest of honor.

Next will be the party featuring bands and individual artists, including Nober Bartolome, DJ Alvaro, dancer/choreographer Myra Beltran, nhac player Judy Tabernacu, saxophonist Ony Carcamo, experimental artist Yasmin Almonte, Bernadette Yuzon, and poets Marne Kilates and Teo Antonio.

Visiting writers join a mock fashion show to be staged by campus groups such as UP Quill, UP Sports, UP Lipa and UP Writers Club.

For more information on the 2007 Writers' Night, call Eve Cadiz at 9221830.

Book it





'Pinoy Pride'

'Oh Mushy-Mush Mush'



Old reliables

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Information for Living Right

Question

Doesn't the high amount of sugar in carbonated soft drinks make children hyperactive?

Answer



Bust that stress!

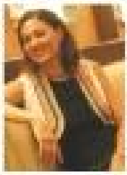
The importance of living a healthy and active lifestyle



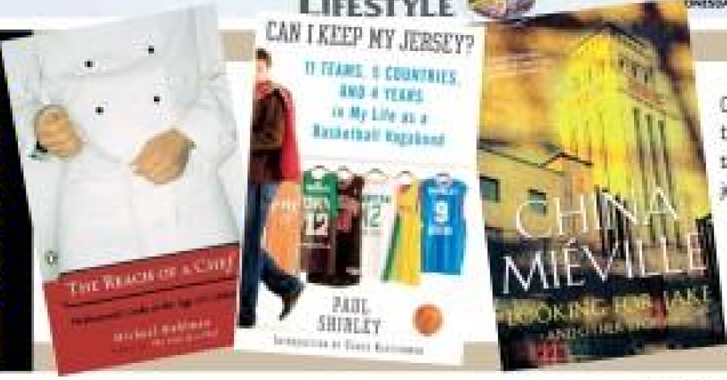
No time to exercise

No time to fix a healthy meal

A Stroke of Health



Book it



Give a bestseller that is a joy to read

THE BRITISH PHILOSOPHER Bertrand Russell once said that there were two motives for reading a book: "One, that you enjoy it; the other, that you can boast about it." Perhaps the same is true for giving someone a book.

"Read the Book Before the Movie!"

Obvious Pick: "The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman, "I Am Legend" by Richard Matheson.

My Pick: "Jumper" by Steven Gould

"Short Stories Because I'm on the Go!"

Obvious Pick: "Fragile Things" by Neil Gaiman

My Pick: "Looking for Jake and Other Stories" by China Miéville

"I'm Hungry, I'll Pick up a Book"

Obvious Pick: "No Reservations" by Anthony Bourdain

My Pick: "The Reach of a Chef" by Michael Ruhlman

"Halftime! Time for a Chapter or Two"

Obvious Pick: "The Last Season" by Phil Jackson

My Pick: "Can I Keep My Jersey?" by Paul Shirley

Walk the talk in style

The new W580i Walkman phone packs a lot despite the deceptively slim form



SONY ERICSSON HAS JUST released the new W580i Walkman phone, a slim slider phone that speaks volumes in urban cool while delivering the full-on Walkman phone music experience. It can store up to 470 full-length tracks, has a 2.0-megapixel camera tucked within the slider, plus stacks of gaming, fun sports and entertainment features.

"The W580i Walkman phone is designed to match your lifestyle, whether you are in the car, at a party or busy at the gym," says [illegible]

[illegible]

Sony Ericsson Walkman promo with 2bU!

SONY ERICSSON WALKMAN [illegible]

[illegible]



The look of originality



GIRL can get the Levi's speak its accessorizing: Levi's pink logo canvas shop bag, pink Levi's canvas cap, Levi's Lady Style crystal studded belt with snap button, Levi's pink leather watch, Levi's shape link necklace in silver, and Levi's eyewear.



PAIR your Levi's tee with the new line of accessories: Levi's white knit cap, Levi's black shoulder, Levi's brown canvas handbag, Levi's chain link necklace in gold, Levi's leather strap bangle and bright yellow Levi's digital watch.



LEVI'S ladies' watches include a collection of chic leather designs in various colors. Wear big or with the Levi's Lady Style crystal studded cuff watch for an ultra chic look!



FOR A WOMEN cosmopolitan stylish look, tailor Levi's accessories with the Levi's black rimmed sunglasses, Levi's black knit scarf, Levi's Lady Style shirt in silver and Levi's black ring bangle with the Levi's Large faced black leather watch. For a pop of color, pair it with the Levi's Lady Style wide red leather belt.

LEVI'S PRESENTS ITS LATEST COLLECTION OF ACCESSORIES TO HELP you complete your signature Levi's look. The array of accessories includes jewelry, watches, hats, bags, belts, small leather goods, wallets, socks, shoes, bodywear and eyewear. With the accessories, Levi's makes it easy for you to stay 100 percent original.

For daywear, ladies may pair the basic Levi's jeans and white top of their Small fit with various accessories such as white belt with a snap metal buckle, Levi's Black Wet bangle and pink canvas bag.

Want to give a kick to your jeans? Contrast your Levi's black or indigo jeans with a cream belt with geometric silver buckle, or add a dash of red or with a bright orange red leather slim watch and some Levi's square crossed thistle in turquoise short tops.

For the season much more of basic style tops, you can accessorize by matching it at the waist with a Levi's pinky wide all leather belt and Levi's Canvas bag with double branded pockets in olive green.

For guys, get the laid-back look with different styles that marry form and function. Pair your Levi's Red Loop jeans with leather pieces that kick up your style factor like a Levi's black belt and chunky watch. Top off your red fit with a Levi's messenger bag and the great canvas sneakers from the Levi's footwear collection. You may also put on Levi's eyewear, the perfect gallop to catch any lady's eye.

Add rock star style to the classic Levi's jeans and T-shirt combination with a Levi's logo leather cuff in a burnt shade of brown or a studded leather piece with metallic. Small accents matched with a distressed leather belt and a Levi's cap. The layered cool look can be achieved by donning a sleeveless shirt from the Levi's bodywear line under a Levi's leather down shirt.

For evening wear, the ladies can dress up Levi's denims with an all-over glitzed look. Pair deep denims with a dramatic top in neutral tones with shiny pieces like a Levi's finished metallic star cuff and a long, gold necklace with intertwined loop details.

Also be inspired by the disco era by putting on the Levi's sequined shoes, crystal-studded logo cuff and black knit scarf.



THE LEVI'S guy can complete his 100-percent original look with the Levi's messenger bag, bowers, socks and shoes. For a great laid-back style, he can go further by pairing his Levi's jeans and T-shirt with classic leather belt, leather chain, chunky silver leather watch and leather shoes, cordless wallet and a pouch.



Accent yourself with the newest from Levi's

A FABULOUS OUTFIT IS NEVER COMPLETE WITHOUT ACCESsories. Levi's has released exciting accessories for men and women to complement their Levi's jeans look.

The Levi's accessories are specifically designed to reflect the themes of the various Levi's sub-brands and collections. The accessories are eye-catching, trendy and fleam-worthy, giving the wearer the 100-percent original Levi's look from head to toe.

"The newest line of Levi's accessories exemplifies the brand's way of adapting to evolving market," Levi's brand leader Ronnie Cabrebal said. "The customers are craving for more in terms of brand experience. This is just one of the many initiatives Levi's has been taking to cater to the market more efficiently."

The new accessories are sure to enhance Levi's 501 jeans, the foremost line of the denim giant. Through jewelry, watches, hats, bags, belts, small leather goods, wallets, socks, shoes, bodywear and eyewear, the Levi's look even becomes more iconic.

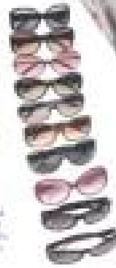
LEVI'S has a wide array of accessories that makes it easy for men or women to stay 100 percent original! The Levi's accessories include belts, bags, jewelry, watches, wallets, small leather goods, shoes, socks, bodywear, headgear and eyewear.



Style musts for the holidays







LEVI'S sunglasses come in a variety of sizes and shades that are sure to match any style. 100 percent [illegible]



ICONIC DENIM BRAND LEVI'S HAS UNVEILED AN EXCITING assortment of accessories such as belts, bags, jewelry, watches and headgear.

Designs of the Levi's belts for both men and women are unlimited. Women may pair their jeans with the belts that come in an array of colors such as beige, brown, black, red, white and cream. The belts are finished off with different buckles and clasp to [illegible] any outfit. There are rounded metal buckles as well as skinny ones in a dramatic shade of [illegible] or metallic bronze accents with a whimsical anchor detail. There's also a standout buckle featuring an art deco design.

Guys may pair their jeans with leather pieces that come in rich shades of chocolate or taupe and featuring a matte brass buckle. Also available is the classic black belt with white stitching detail.

Women can complete their Levi's look with Levi's jewelry such as chunky silver bangles and studded cuffs. Other bangles have studs or stars. Other jewelry are dreamy multi-strand beaded necklaces and intricate brooches.

The men stay by the [illegible] leather look and copper accents. They can accessorize with the Levi's huge leather cuff in a burnt shade of brown, braided leather bracelets with copper rings, leather wristbands with silver plates, metallic chains and necklaces.

Levi's also offers trendy timepieces that are both functional and stylish. Apart from the chunky leather pieces for men and the sophisticated leather pieces for women, the must-have [illegible] from Levi's includes a new line of digital watches available in a palette of colors, from vibrant red, yellow, orange, pink, green and teal to the classic white and gray.

The Levi's hats are a perfect accent to cap off an original getup. Available are the [illegible] season-perfect herringbone driving and [illegible] riding caps for men and knit visors for women. Also for women are the colorful trucker caps, together with the plaid newsboy hat, patent hipster, plaid trucker and suede Charlie hats.



Have a picture-perfect Christmas!

By Tammy David
ZEST Correspondent

AFTER ALL THE CANVASSING FOR THE camera of choice, your friends and relatives may have suddenly changed their profile pictures with self-portraits by holding up their prized DSLRs in front of themselves.

Yes, more and more have been bitten by the photography bug thanks to new camera models that are inexpensive and packed with nifty features. So here are some gift ideas that will surely make opening of the gifts a picture-perfect moment for your discerning friend or relative.



GORILLAPOD

Gorillapod

Light and versatile tripod perfect for travel and landscape photographers who love to pack light.

Original Gorillapod (compact digital cameras); P1,200

Gorillapod SLR (SLR type cameras and camcorders); P2,200

Gorillapod SLR-ZOOM (tripod ensemble cameras and professional tripod heads); P3,750

Velbon Ultrapod 680: Light and versatile tripod with removable sliding center column and three leg angles for picture perfect stability; P4,600

Tamrac MX5369 Memory and Battery Management Wallet 8: Keep the must for portable items of a digital photographer or gamer; P600

Gifts to make your shutterbug shoot like there's no tomorrow



CRUMPLER 6 Million Dollar Home

Digital Survival Kit (For lens cleaning); P1,199

Photo Studio in a Box (For product shots); P9,200

Lensbaby 3G (Selective focusing); P22,750

All accessories available at J1 Photoworld. Call 4895848, 5366990 to 91, 8975341 or visit http://www.jtphotoworld.com, http://digitalphotoing.multiply.com/



TAMRAC MX5369 Memory and Battery Management Wallet 8

Photography bags

Crumpler is the choice of many enthusiasts for being a superb protective carrier sans "that dorsal camera phone bag."

2 Million Dollar Home: holds large electronic viewfinder (EVF) ultra zoom digital camera or DS unit and basic accessories; P2,250

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Visit the Crumpler Store at Bonifacio High Street and 3/L, Trinoma mall.

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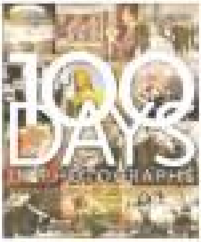
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LG Viewty Phone (LG-KU990). 5-megapixel camera certified by Schneider-Kreuznach for clear shots, with Manual and Auto focus. Zoom light for shots in low light, 3.0-inch TFT LCD for sharp and sharp pictures and video. Ultra High speed video capture at 120fps and Divx Playback and TV out. Plus MP3 player, BT, USB 2.0 and PictBridge.

Call 4402525, 0917-8242123, 0920-9002323 or visit http://viewtyphone.com



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Books

"National Geographic: 100 Days in Photographs: Pivotal Events that Changed the World," by Nick Yapp; P1,299

"Complete Photography Manual: Everything You Need to Know about Photography, Both Digital and Film"; P1,895

Digital Photographer Philippines magazine (for enthusiasts and pros); P200 per issue; P2,500 for one-year subscription in Metro Manila, P3,000 for provincial areas.

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LIFESTYLE



Especially for anyone and everyone

WITH all the stress this Yuletide season, feeling ... Cute-looking pressure point balls instantly provide muscle relief. They're especially ... for the ...

Giving likable gifts can be a no-brainer. Just use your brains

Text and photos by Nitz Mark M. Sabas
Inquirer Correspondent

DON'T YOU JUST HATE it when unexpected relatives show up during Christmas get-togethers and you end up looking like the bad guy because you have gifts for everyone except for the surprise arrivals? How about the night before the office or class party, when you realize that you completely forgot about a couple of special people—a most-please supervisor or a very friendly security guard—and now you have to either recycle a loure gift for them or not give them anything at all?

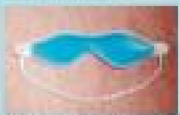
ESPECIALLY/F7



ESPECIALLY during this cold and windy season, a stick of lip balm is a must. The best thing about it is that as long as it's not tinted, even guys can appreciate and use it.



STOCK up on large blocks of various kinds of chocolates, stack them up and tie them with a ribbon and you're ready with a sweet present.



SOOTHE and cool on-site and ... with The Body Shop's eye mask (P...).

Christmas get-together ideas



If meeting up for dinner has become de rigueur, why not throw a Christmas party?

Pre-party shindig

Trim the tree

Winter wonderland

Shopping day-out

Do-gooder party

Neighborhood run-around

After-school/work fun

Dessert bar

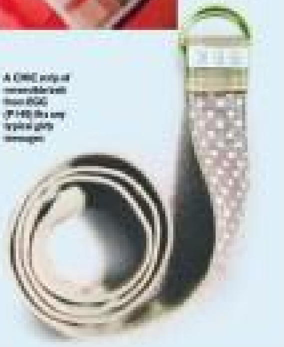
Especially for anyone and everyone











Gift ideas for the housebound



Relieve the drudgery of home by giving timely but exciting gifts

Hardcover journals

Get connected

Encourage a builder

Movie passes from home

New sheets or pillows

Basket of goodies









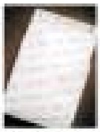
Presentation is everything. A well-wrapped gift impresses its recipient

It's a wrap



WITH ALL THE MAD GIFT-giving that happens every Christmas season, gift-wrapping has become a very in-demand skill. While there are the professionals who do it for a certain fee, gift-wrapping is something that almost anyone can do,











Gift guide for coffee lovers













For the little girls who never grew up



Text by Pam Pastor
Photos by Rudy Esperas

Kids who didn't grow up in the '80s cannot fully grasp the power of Sanrio. I spent countless hours of my childhood sprawled on the floor of Gift Gate, trying to figure out which new stickers to get for my Little Twin Stars stickerbook, checking if the lock on that Keroppi diary is brother-proof and wondering if I really couldn't live without that Hello Kitty gum ball machine.

A recent trip to Gift Gate brought that little girl back to life again.

On this page are top picks for the little girls who never grew up.







LIFESTYLE

Give for a good cause

Here are some gift ideas that will surely land you on Santa's nice list



YABANG Pinoy Manila Clara bayong, made by Indio Art Manila. Large bayong, P799

Compiled by Tammy David
2BU! Correspondent

DO YOU REGRET spending a huge chunk of your savings for gifts that end up under office desks or in a garage sale? Are you tired of wracking your brains on what gifts to give to people who seem to have everything?

Here are ideas that will surely warm the hearts of the giver and receiver of these awesome gifts. From Coffee Tree Cards for your caffeine-loving boss to fashionably ballet flats that will surely make people pretty in pink and spread awareness on breast cancer, these cause-oriented goodies will surely land you a spot on Santa's 2008 nice list.

Live Green

Live Green is the environmental program of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) that aims to communicate ways to save the earth. Live Green eco bag (P150); umbrella, in black or white (P350); T-shirt (S-XL, P200); tips tool of 10 cards, P95. Contact (0920-4793574), e-mail livegreencorporation@gmail.com.



Lumban bags

Lumban bags to the household of Ichay Bulhaing. The bags don't only minimize (or eliminate) the use of plastic bags, but they help the communities of San Teodoro, Mabini, Batangas as well. These eco bags are available in five designs and in two sizes: regular (P100) or large (P110). Contact Ichay at 0918-9140486, e-mail the lumbagbags@yahoo.com; visit http://lumbanbags.multiply.com.

Figaro Foundation Corp.

Figaro Foundation Corp. is the social arm of Figaro Coffee Company. It has been planting coffee trees for 10 years now. Every planting season, Figaro volunteers, customers and friends trek to Batangas, Cavite or Batangas to plant coffee trees not only for the industry's survival but also to encourage people to adopt organic ways of farming.

'Plant a Tree for Me' Christmas cards

As an alternative to the usual gifts, Figaro Foundation is inviting companies and individuals to give a "Coffee Tree" planted and cared for by Figaro in its various pilot farms around the country for a nominal price. Figaro will plant trees for individuals and companies interested in reaping the following benefits: Coffee industry survival, organic farming promotion and sustainable agriculture. Call 6380724, e-mail info@figarocoffee.com; visit www.figarocoffee.com/cards.

ICanServe Foundation

ICanServe is an advocacy group that empowers women with breast cancer. Members are cancer survivors willing to share their time with other patients and survivors. Its mission is to arm women with breast cancer and care information so they can make decisions about their health. It also provides access to special services that will help them fight cancer and beat it more effectively.

ICanServe contribution Christmas card



Adorned by an ornament that can be detached to hang on the holiday tree, the card includes a brief explanation that you (the giver) have made a donation in honor of the recipient. These cards note that each contribution will sustain campaigns on women's health and subsidize treatment for cancer patients. A minimum donation is P150 per card.

ICanServe boxed gift set with inspiring themes such as Hope, Celebrate, Believe and I Can; this set includes a handy notebook, pocket-size notepad, eight folded gift cards and 12 flat cards with envelopes. Packed, boxed, tagged and ready to go at P400.

Soho pink ballerina flats



ICanServe has partnered with Soho, which has come up with a pair of pink ballet flats dedicated to the cause. Proceeds of sale will help raise awareness and subsidize medical care for women with breast cancer. Ballet flats (P1,499) are available at Glorietta 3, Ayala Center (0915-576-3688); Shangri-La Plaza, Robinsons Galleria, SM Mall of Asia (0906-2901194); Glorias, Trinoma (02) 9163-2258997; (0915-9513930); TriNoma, QC (901-3768; 0905-3209960); Ayala Cebu, Cebu City (032-4120267); www.soho.shop.com. Contact ICanServe at (632) 6873942; e-mail icanserve@yahoo.com; visit icanserve.net.

Carewell Community Foundation Inc.

Incorporated in 2005, the Cancer Resource and Wellness (Carewell) Community is a nonprofit foundation that provides support, education, and hope to patients with cancer and their loved ones. What they offer: Carewell donation card, P100; Bida Hala Especial book, P120; tea, P300. Call 8930044, 7510242, (0918-2533322); e-mail info@carewellcommunity.org; visit www.carewellcommunity.org.

Yabang Pinoy

The "Yabang Pinoy" campaign aims to spark a "social epidemic" of Filipinos believing in themselves, supporting fellow Filipinos and buying and consuming Filipino products. Merchandise includes Yabang Pinoy band, P80; shirts, P315; ladies shirts, P375; bayong with key chain and pouch, made by Indio Art Manila. Tikling designed by Twinkle Ferraren, P1,508. Call 0917-5277141,0917-8151518; e-mail info@yabangpinoy.com; visit www.yabangpinoy.com.

Gifts and Graces

Gifts and Graces is a collection of products made by Filipinos coming from different socio-economic backgrounds and cultures, all worthy of being part of Santa's Xmas.

Mangyan women from Sablayan, Mindoro Oriental, make beaded accessories which are sold with the help of the Missionary Servants of the Holy Spirit.



TLC is a special education center catering to individuals challenged by autism, Down syndrome, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, AD/HD and other developmental difficulties. As part of their therapy, bead and craft items are handmade by special students who make these unique products part of their therapy.

Six contrite or rehomed prisoners under the Pag-asa sa Paglaya (PSP) Multipurpose Cooperative make candles to support their families. The St. Claire Patronage for the Sick and Poor sell Kapitbahayan Candles, which augment the modest income of poor women and empower them to become entrepreneurs.

Also, 47 families from the village of Kilolaran, Quezon, creatively use rugas grass, fallen banana trunks and weeds from their surroundings to make their meticulously designed handmade paper. Their earnings become proceeds to assist victims of recurring flash floods in the towns of Real and Nakar in Quezon. Aside from helping these families, you'd be helping the environment, too!

Products are available at Gifts and Graces Booth, Glorietta Activity Center until Dec. 15.

For a complete catalog, contact Greg Dizon at 8906-3822888; e-mail giftsand graces@yahoo.com; visit www.giftsand graces.com.

Rags2Riches

Sixty rules do come true. Women who lived in Payatas were once upon a time paid less than one buck's worth of minimum wage for a whole week's labor. Their products were ordinary rugs sold by middlemen who imposed a huge markup. For these women, it was just a regular's day of doing Cinderella work without being properly compensated for their efforts.

Rags2Riches is the fairy godmother in this story, a social enterprise initiated by young professionals and the Bindadulang Lingkod ng Bayan. The women were able to measure their products from the lowly "rag" to high-value fashion and decorative items: Aego tote, P995; Black wine holder, P420; Mass envelope clutch, P240; Juey eyeglass case, P135; Medium vanity kit (small P195, large P325); Tony case, P675; Jute purse, P335; Cynthia bag, P560; Bonus rags mat bag, P480.

Visit www.r2r.dit.ph; e-mail r2rorg@gmail.com; call 4266707 loc. 5448/5441 or 0905-3275999.



With reports from Angela Ka of Let's Go Foundation

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What did you do to change the world in 2007?

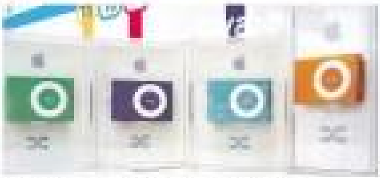
THE YEAR 2007 HAS GIVEN you a little over 11 months—what did you do with all that time? We want to measure the past year with good deeds—in hopes of encouraging more people to make a difference next year. We want to know—what did you do to change the world in 2007?

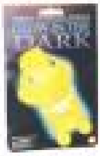
It doesn't have to be mind-blowing and earth-shaking. Every little thing counts.

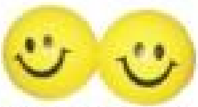
Did you help an old lady cross the street? Did you become more active in church? Did you bring a stray cat home? Did you write letters to people in prison? Did you mentor anyone? Did you help a friend with a problem? Did you sacrifice yourself for someone else?

This is your chance to tell your story.

E-mail your story to changetheworld2007@gmail.com along with photos and captions. Don't forget to add your name, age, school/office and contact info. The best stories will be published in next week's 2BU!





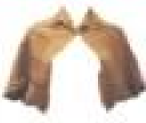




2bU! lists some de-stressing, detoxifying delights for those who badly need it the most.

Swell stuff for the stressed-out student

















Gift of the perfect moment

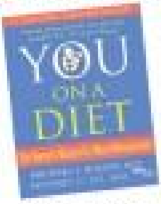


Merry Christmas
and a healthy new year

Here are ideas for those who wish to start a healthy lifestyle after the holiday binge

By Tammy David

GIVE THE GIFT OF A healthy lifestyle this Christmas without breaking your bank account with expensive gym equipment or week-long detox camps. Here are gifts for those who wish to start a healthy lifestyle after the holiday binge. These items will surely make your recipients eat, drink and be healthy during and after the holidays.









Men's Health













Shop online for your 'kikay' needs



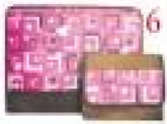
















Music entertainment at your fingertips

Samsung's new pocket-sized MP3 players excel in design, video, sound and connectivity options

FINALLY INVADING the fast-growing and profitable MP3 business, Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. has recently launched the YP-P2, YP-S5 and YP-T10.

YP-P2

Pocket-sized models



THE SAMSUNG P8 LCD TV features 120Hz Motion technology, which eliminates blurring in fast-paced on-screen movements.



THE YP-S5 has speakers with 1.5W stereo output.

YP-S5

YP-T10

P8 LCD TV



What's in a name?



Size

Dog fighting

Rise of the pit

Bad rap

Positive contributions

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Lito Bautista E. Velasco

INSIDE



Ruel Dahis Antipuesto, left, and Jerrold Tarog.

First-timers named Best Directors

"We made this film to introduce ourselves to the public," Jerrold Tarog said of "Confessional," the result of his collaborative effort with Ruel Dahis Antipuesto. Both first-time filmmakers, Tarog and Antipuesto bagged the biggest number of awards at the Cinema One Originals Digital Film Festival concluded Saturday night—including Best Picture and Best Director honors. Story on Page A4.

'The Da Vinci Code' sequel

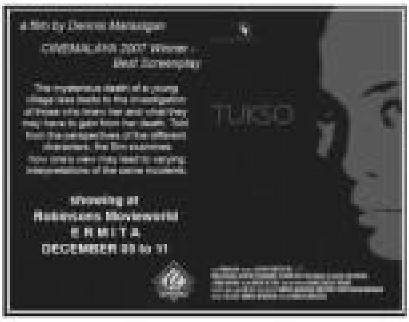
Did You Know...

WASHINGTON—A SEQUEL to the blockbuster thriller "The Da Vinci Code" is set to lift the veil on mysterious Freemason symbols carved into the very fabric of the historic streets and buildings of the US capital.

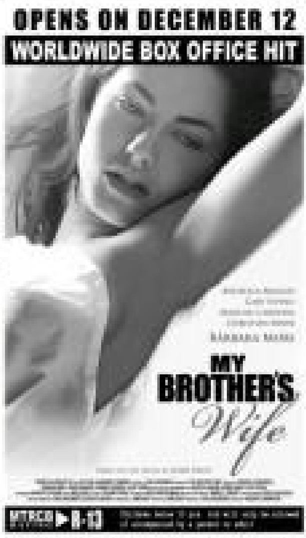
Novelist Dan Brown has set the new adventures of his scholar adventurer Robert Langdon (played by Tom Hanks in the film version) right in the heart of Washington, which could reveal some astounding facts for history buffs.

Washington has historic roots in Freemasonry, a widespread fraternity practicing secret rituals. AFP















'Ciento Comico'

Alumni say sense of freedom in State U helps it produce top comedians

Three shows

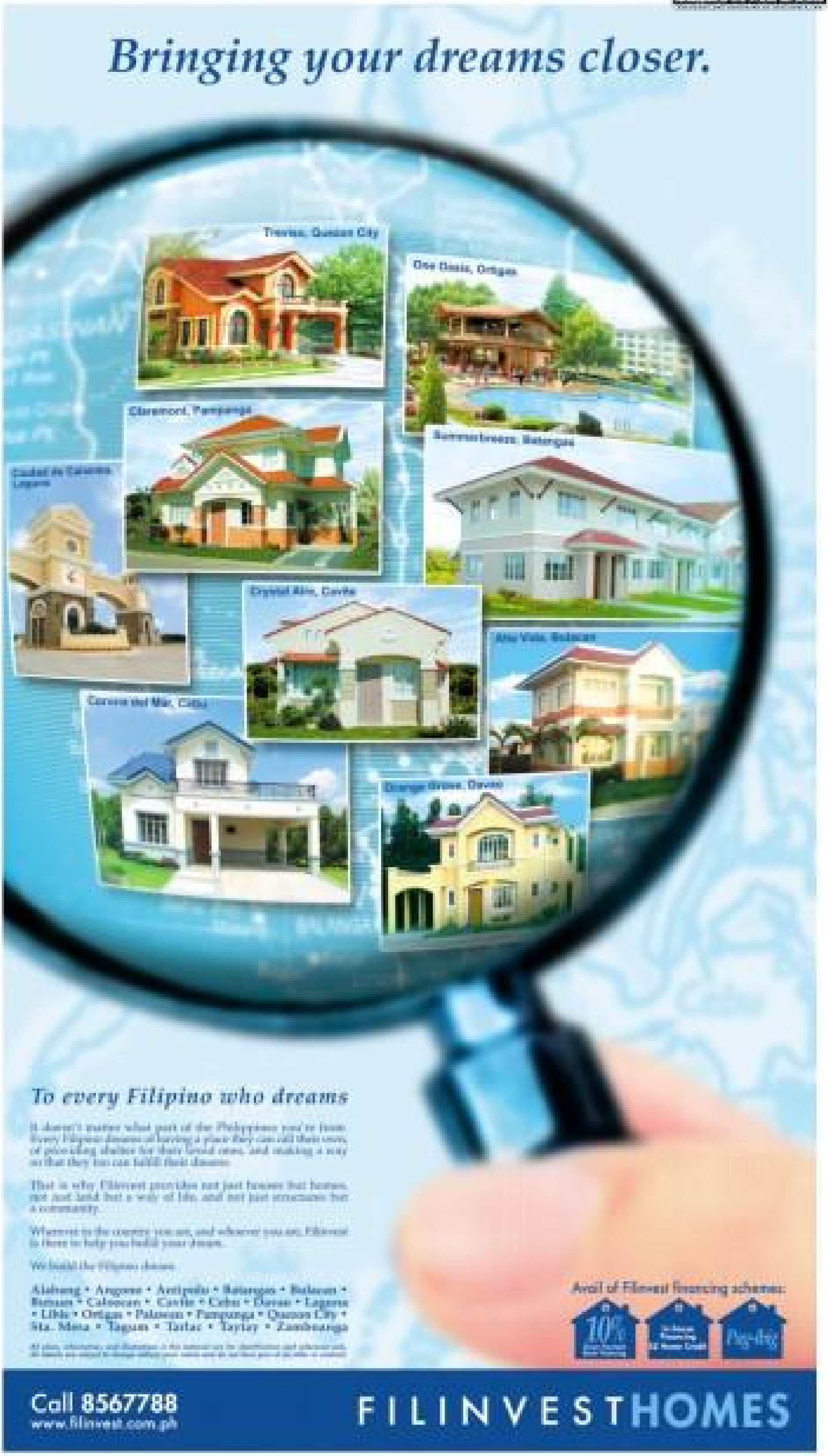
'Mighty' challenge





Vic on Oyo's new 'romance': He'd tell me if it was serious

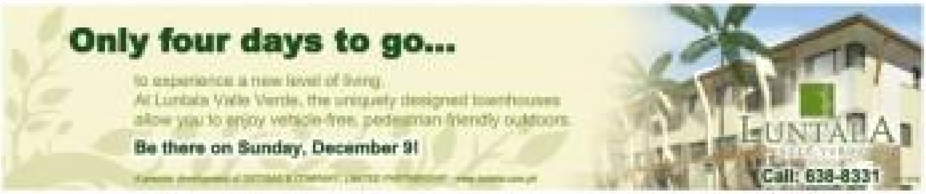
By Marinel R. Cruz


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Myanmar's 1st Asean filmfest





Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and their 'anti-Christian' movie

A 'Golden' controversy

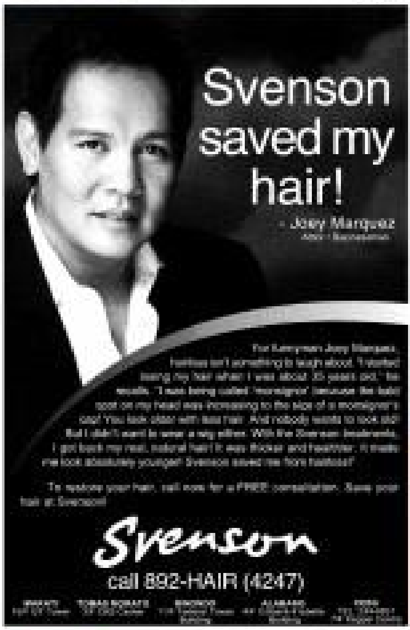


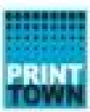
(See reader's view, feedback, page ...)

The Hajj, from a pilmgrim's viewpoint

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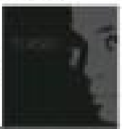


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The mysterious death of a young village lass leads to the investigation of those who knew her and what they may have to gain from her death. Told from the perspectives of the different characters, the film examines how one's view may lead to varying interpretations of the same incidents.

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5 ENCHANTED
6 BEOWULF

Pictures of the Year



BEYONCE IN JAPAN. Reuters News Pictures Service has picked its Pictures of the Year 2007. One of them is this snap of Beyonce Knowles during her concert in Nagoya, central Japan, last April 14.



HASTY PUDDING AWARDS. Another RNPS pick is this one of Scarlett Johansson with two officials of Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals as they named her Woman of the Year, in February.

No room for gay lover

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal



SHAMAINE Buenaventura, Best Actress, "Princesa"



ERMIE Concepcion, Best Supporting Actress, "Princesa"

Great night for first-timers



PUBLIO Briones III, Best Supporting Actor, "Confessional"



LAWRENCE Fajardo directed "Princesa," recipient of the Audience Choice award.

A 'Golden' controversy

The book was pulled out from some school libraries after the author said he was an atheist.



DAKOTA Blue Richards plays the young heroine, here shown with an ally, a great armored bear

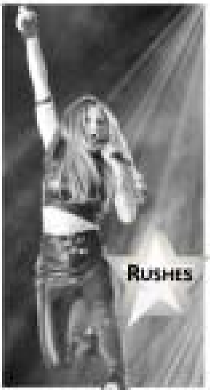
Why Lani Mercado didn't say 'I love you'

By the INQUIRER and INQUIRER.NET Entertainment staff

Washington fetes H'wood

Perry at Super Bowl

Metal heads to highbrow



SINGER Fergie performs "Live It Let It Be" during the taping of "Movies Rock" at the Kodak Theatre last Sunday. The two-hour special broadcasts on CBS Television on Dec. 7.

Top of the Talk Shows:

Almost paradise



RAYVER Cruz



JOHNNY Flores



JOHN Prats

Lowered expectations

Crossed fingers

Match up, match down

Love-hate routine

Hate-love variation



A 'VERY PREGNANT' actress-singer Jennifer Lopez, with her husband, actor-singer Marc Anthony, at "Movies Rock," a celebration of music in film, Sunday at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.



DIANA Ross, a 2007 Kennedy Center Honoree, at the 30th annual awards



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Reader warns parents vs both book and film

From Fredy B. Vinluan (fre...@yahoo.com), as sent to the Readers' Advocate:

THERE is reason to be concerned about the movie "The Golden Compass." I believe, as a parent myself, that there is an urgent need to inform other parents of its probable impact on children.

First of all, it's not a simple fairy tale. It is capable of undermining children's faith in God. It is being promoted as a "fantasy" film in the tradition of "The Lord of the Rings," "Narnia," and the "Harry Potter" series.

"The Golden Compass" is the first (original title: "Northern Lights") in a trilogy of novels by Philip Pullman. The second book is "The Subtle Knife," and the third is "The Amber Spyglass." Together, the trilogy is known as "His Dark Materials," actually a phrase from John Milton's "Paradise Lost."

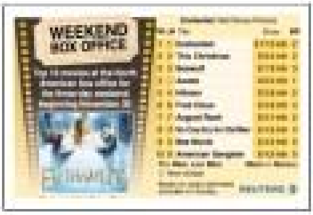
Pullman attacks the Catholic Church and Judaism, and promotes atheism. He reportedly said there is evil in the guise of a "multiple universe." A supporting character, Dr. Mary Malone, is a former Catholic nun who abandoned her vocation. She reveals in the second book and again to the child, by which time she invites the two lead characters, a boy and a girl, both 12 years old, to engage in sexual practices.

Also, Pullman refers to God as "The Authority" and portrays him as a mere stagehand of God, in the third book. The Authority is senile and locked in some sort of jewel, held prisoner by the power and Church, who rules in The Authority's name. When the 12-year-olds discover the jewel and release the Authority, he disintegrates and dies.

The whole story revolves around a rebellion against the Church, which turns into a rebellion against God. This leads to the "discovery" that God and Christianity are anything but true.

The trilogy suggests there is no immortal soul, no heaven or hell. Instead, it says, what awaits us is a "gloomy, Hades-type afterlife where the soul goes to wait until it completely dissolves."

Let me quote a Catholic author: "There's a great deal of cruelty and gore in the books, not just battles but deliberate murder, stabbings, mutilation, suicide, euthanasia and even cannibalism. There are also passages of disturbing sensuality and homosexual angels who are platonic lovers." Hence, this book and/or movie will serve as spiritual poison. Watching it will endanger the spiritual foundation that has been instilled in our children's minds and hearts. Let's inform every person and pray that the film fails at the box office. This will definitely discourage the filming of the second and third books.



OPENING THIS WEEK


"BATANES"


"NARS"


"THE GOLDEN Compass"


"EASTERN Promises"

Batanes

Stars Iza Calzado, Ken Chu, Joem Bascon, Bembol Roco, Daria Ramirez

Directed by Adolf Alix, Dave Hukom

According to directors Alix and Hukom, this drama recounts the love-hate relationship between a Manila girl (Calzado) and the sea that killed her Ivatan husband (Bascon), but brought her a Taiwanese lover (Chu). Alix told Inquirer Entertainment that Batanes Island is a character in the movie. "Specifically, the ocean. Pureza Ching says, 'whenever we shot dinner scenes, the waves were rough. But it it was a tender scene, the sea was calm.'"

Nars

Stars Jennylyn Mercado, Aget Sollen, Coco Martin, Jaclyn Jose

Directed by Adolf Alix

Produced by micro-entrepreneur Carl E. Balita, this drama chronicles the ups and downs of five friends with the same dream: To become nurses and work abroad. It's dubbed by its producers as a "tribute to Filipino nurses." To prepare, Mercado immersed herself in the role. According to reports, the cast read nursing reviewers. The cast emulated the way real-life nurses moved and wore their white uniforms. Opens Dec. 7.

The Golden Compass

Stars Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Dakota Blue Richards, Eva Green

Directed by Chris Weitz

This fantasy-adventure is based on "Northern Lights"—the first book of the trilogy "His Dark Materials" by Philip Pullman. Kirk Honeycutt of The Hollywood Reporter says: "The blend of live action, CG and visual effects is superb." Ron Hennigsen of ... agrees: "Child star Richards is quite a find, an absolute treasure." Emanuel Levy of emanuellevy.com agrees: "Best asset is its fun side."

Gone Baby Gone

Stars Casey Affleck, Morgan Freeman, Ed Harris, Amy Ryan

Directed by Ben Affleck

Adapted from Dennis Lehane's grim novel, this ethical drama centers on the kidnapping of a 4-year-old child. Peter Travers of Rolling Stone thinks that "Ben Affleck's first feat as filmmaker is more than promising; it's strikingly assured." Claudia Puig of USA Today agrees: "He takes pains to create a visceral sense of tension." Steven Rea of Philadelphia Inquirer states: "[He] has made a tough, taut mystery."


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Eastern Promises

Stars Viggo Mortensen, Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel, Sinead Cusack

Directed by David Cronenberg

A midwife (Watts) plunges into the hellish world of London's Russian mafia, in search of the relatives of an adolescent small newborn baby. Carina Chocano of Los Angeles Times asserts that this flick is "superbly realized and gut-sized slick." Owen Gleiberman of Entertainment Weekly points out that it "unfolds like an anatomy of corruption." J. Hoberman of Village Voice hails it as "disquieting ... directed with formal intelligence."

Catacombs

Stars Shannyn Sossamon, Alecia "Pink" Moore, Cabriel Burke, Cain Manoli

Directed by David Elliot, Tom Coker

Supposedly from the same team as "Saw," this thriller follows expats sisters (Sossamon and Moore) as they explore Paris' underground graves. Incline Prech of Slasher-pool.com notes: "There's barely any dialogue ... the ending is just terrible." Michael Scrutchin of Flipside Movie Emporium describes it as "One sick movie." Reviewers' complaints: "A better cast could've helped this film a lot."



